ACHS SUMMARY FORM

·	Name Granger Estate (Holton Arms School)
2.	Planning Area/Site Number 35/17 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 20
	Address 7303 River Road, Bethesda G-10
5.	Classification Summary
	Category building Ownership private Public Acquisition Status occupied Accessible yes: restricted Present use educational Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC Federal State X County X Local (Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976)
6.	Date 1892 7. Original Owner James W. Austin
8.	Apparent Condition (house)
	a. good c. original site
<u></u>	b. altered
و.	Description

This eight bay by one bay, two and a half story estate house sits on a hill looking southwest. Constructed of fieldstone at the first level and frame covered by white shingles at the second level, the house has four distinct sections. There is a great variety of casement, double hung, French, and multi-paned bay windows. There are four gable roofs of varying heights above each of the four sections and covered by wooden shingles.

10. Significance

The Granger Estate is significant as one of the few remaining examples of a typical turn-of-the century country estate of a wealthy family. The classical revival house was built of local stone for James W. Austin, probably in 1892. He had purchased 75 1/2 acres from the sale of Erasmus Perry's farm. By 1906 he sold 33 1/2 acres and in 1916 36 acres to Mary B. Cassells, who substantially improved the house and lived well, having horses and cattle, automobiles, 2 dwellings and a barn. Christopher and Louise Granger bought the house and grounds in 1938, and lived there until 1961 when they deeded their land (59.59) acres to Holton Arms School.

Date researched and researcher December 1978 -- Wendy Gasch
Condy Reed - Architectural Description

12. Compiler Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled 2/79 14. Designation
Approval_____

15. Acreage 14.9976 - acreage of land on which building is located.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1	NAME				
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	AND/OR COMMON	Holton-Arms S	School .		1484
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4	NAME	F PROPERTY			
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	CITY, TOWN	Rockville		state Maryla	nd
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	DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS	Park Historia	n's Office		
_	CITY, TOWN	Rockville		STATE Maryland	20855

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Granger Estate sits high on a hill overlooking River Road, facing southwest.

It is eight bays across and one bay deep, and two and a half stories high. The house is constructed of fieldstone, at the first floor, and frame covered by white painted shingles above.

The house has four pronounced sections. At the east corner of the northeast elevation is a one bay section. Next to it is a three bay section with a skirt roof between the first and second stories. The next section is composed of two bays, the fourth section, at the north corner, has three bays.

The second section (on the northeast elevation) with the skirt roof has a projecting pedimented doorway. The door itself is wooden paneled. Windows on this elevation and in this section are six over six double hung. At the third floor there are two shed dormers of two, two light casement windows each. Windows on the northeast elevation are generally six over six double hung and all are flanked by blue wooden louvered shutters. At the north end, windows at the second level are three over six double hung. At the south end there is a shed dormer of two, two light casement windows.

The southwest side of the house overlooking River Road has a great variety of casement, double hung, French, and bay windows arranged in various groupings. The second section, corresponding to the same sectic in the northeast elevation, has the same skirt roof between the first and second stories. In addition, it has a bay window of four six-light casement windows each surmounted by two light transom windows, the splayed sides of this bay window contain multi-paned French windows. The two windows south of this bay, and the second story windows as well, are six over six double hung. South of this section there is a square bay window. The central, multi-paned picture window is flanked by ten light casement windows. Above this bay window at the second level, is another bay window composed of four eight-light casement windows. West of these two sections, there are two groupings of eight-light casement windows. However, the west section and all the second story windows are six over six double hung windows.

A large bay window is centered on the southeast elevation. The central window is a multi-paned picture window; it is flanked by French windows with stone steps leading to them. At the second story there are six four-light casement windows; the entire composition is grouped and surmounted by four transom lights. At the gable end there is a six paned semicircular window.

At the northwest elevation there is an open porch covered by the square roof that covers that section.

There are four gable roofs, with slightly different heights, or pitches, covering this house. The entire roof is covered by wooden shingles. Two interior brick stove chimneys with clay pots define the end of the "second section" (that section with a skirt roof on the southwest and northeast elevations).

The northeast door opens into an entry vestibule. An open string double run stairway ascends along the northwest interior wall of the vebule. There is a door at the landing which opens into the pantry. Northwest of the pantry is a large kitchen. Southeast of the kitchen, and facing southwest is the dining room. Southeast of the dining room is the living room which extends the full northeast-southwest width of the house. Southeast of the living room is the library.

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There are both narrow and some random width floorboards. The walls and ceilings are plaster over lath. There are molded door surrounds with carved rosette corner blocks and wooden paneled doors.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Granger Estate is a typical, turn-of-the-century country estate of a wealthy family. The classical revival house was built of local stone and sited on a hill overlooking River Road. The parcel of land on which the "Granger House" sits is part of a tract known as "Brothers Industry".

An Equity case involving the heirs of Erasmus Perry (who died intestate in 1882) resulted in the sale of Perry's farm; the farm consisted of a 75½ acre lot (farmland and timber) and a 47 7/8 acre parcel (farmland and timber with a 5 room log dwelling house). James W. Austin purchased the 75½ acre lot and Lydia E. Perry (one of the heirs) the 47 7/8 acre lot.

Austin married in 1892, and probably constructed the house around

that time. By 1906, Austin had sold off 332 acres and possessed buildings \cap lued at \$450. Ten years later, he sold 36 acres to Mary B. Cassells.5

Cassells substantially improved the house early in her ownership, and apparently lived well, with horses and cattle, automobiles, 2 dwellings and a barn; 30 acres were cleared, the other 6 wooded.

Cassells moved to Boston, Mass. in 1938 after deeding her house and grounds to Christopher and Louise Granger. The Grangers lived there until 1961, when they deeded the land to Holton Arms School in 3 parcels (totalling 59.5932 acres). The Grangers moved to a lot purchased by the School as part of an exchange.

FOOTNOTES

- Records of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, as a Court of Equity, 588 Equity
- Land Records of Montgomery County, Liber JA 9, Folio 372 (1888) 2.
- Marriage Records of Montgomery County
- Montgomery County Assessment Records, (District 7) (1906) 5. 6. Land Records of Montgomery County, Liber, 254, Folio 167
- Assessment Records (1918)
- Land Records of Montgomery County, Liber 705, Folio 174
- Montgomery County Sentinel, May 4, 1961 (p.a-6)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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(see attached map)

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a large, Classical Revival estate of the early 1900's, that sits on a high hill overlooking River Rd. The main house is built of local stone. The complex is now part of Holton Arms-a private school for girls.

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This was the estate of Christopher Granger, until it was purchased by the school in the 1950's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1) Newspaper clippings in "Schools" file at Mont. Co. Historical Soc.

2) <u>MONT</u>. <u>CO</u>. <u>SENTINEL</u>, (May 4, 1961)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Article 66D of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and to Chapter 24A and Chapter 33A of the Montgomery County Code, the Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission hereby gives notice that it will hold a public hearing on the following:

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO

THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

at

10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1983

AUDITORIUM, MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

to take testimony on whether or not the following historic resources currently listed in the <u>Locational Atlas and Index of Historic</u>
Sites in Montgomery County should be included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, and added to the area master plans for the areas in which they are located.

- Dickerson Station, Site #12/21-1 22235 Mt. Ephraim Road Dickerson, Maryland
- Bussard Farm, Site #22/7 18400 Muncaster Road Derwood, Maryland
- 3. Hayes Manor, Site #35/10 4101 Manor Road Chevy Chase, Maryland
- 4. Woodend, Site 35/12 8940 Jones Mill Road Chevy Chase, Maryland
- 5. Rammed-Earth House (Oakmont), Site #35/22 6532 75th Street Cabin John, Maryland

- 6. Reading House, Site #35/24
 44 Wellesley Circle
 Glen Echo, Maryland
- 7. Granger Estate, Site #35/17 7303 River Road Bethesda, Maryland

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the architectural and historic significance of these resources according to the criteria listed in the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code, and nominated resources one through six listed above for placement on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. If placed on the Master Plan, the historic resources will be protected under the Historic Preservation Ordinance which provides certain controls regarding alteration, demolition and maintenance of the property.

The Historic Preservation Commission found resource seven listed above not to meet Ordinance criteria for placement and have recommended its removal from the Locational Atlas. If not included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any of the resources listed above may be removed from the Locational Atlas. If removed, the sites would no longer be subject to the provision of Chapter 24A-10, the Moratorium on Alteration or Demolition. All sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's inventory.

Copies of the Preliminary Draft Amendment are available at The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20907. Additional research on these sites is available from the Park and Planning Commission at the same address and also the Park Historian's Office located in Needwood Mansion, 6700 Needwood Road, Rockville, Maryland.

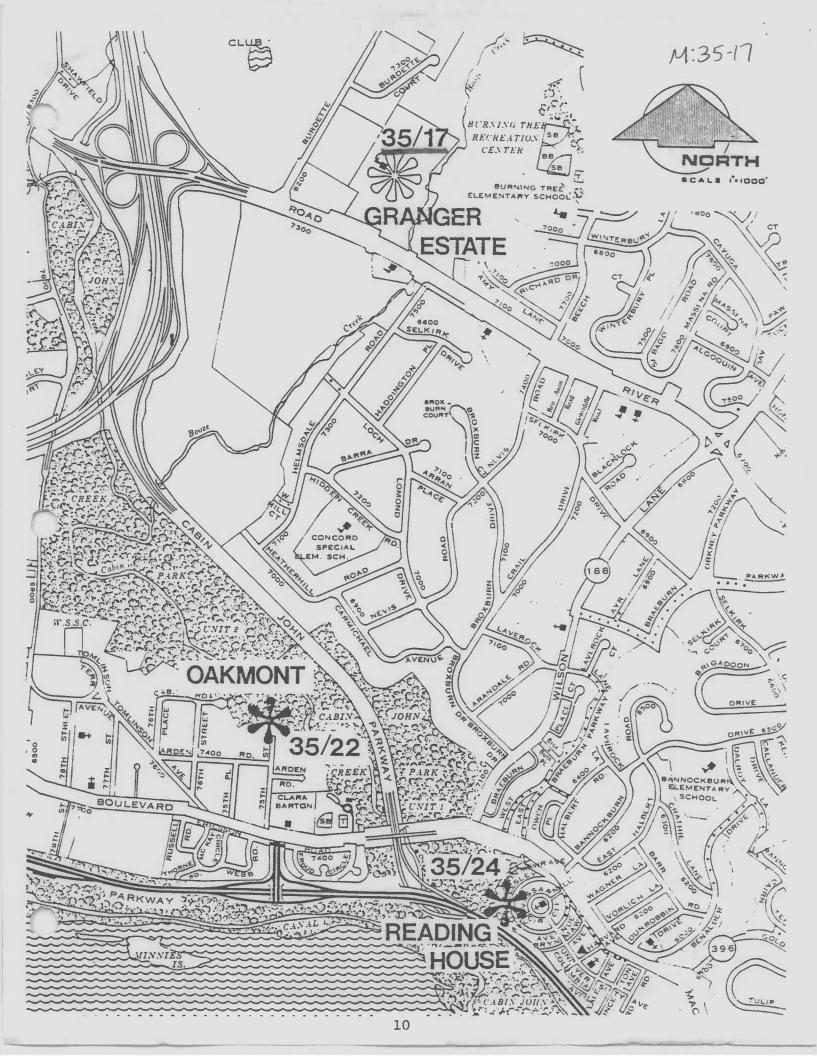
The purpose of the public hearing is to allow all interested persons to express their views concerning this amendment. Persons wishing to testify should call 565-7401. If you are unable to attend, write your concerns to the Montgomery County Planning Board at the above address and they will be made part of the Public Hearing record.

Thomas H. Countee, Jr

Thomas H. Counto, I.

Executive Director

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Grangez Estate Resolution No. 10-777 Introduced: June 11, 1984 M35/17 Adopted: June 11, 1984

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND SITTING AS A DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Approved and Adopted Master Plan for Historic Preservation in Montgomery County, Maryland

WHEREAS, in September, 1983, the Montgomery County Planning Board transmitted to the Montgomery County Council the Final Draft Amendment to the Historic Preservation Master Plan, proposing the addition of several historic sites for inclusion in the Master Plan and the removal of several sites from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 1983, the Montgomery County Council held a public hearing wherein oral and written testimony was received concerning the Final Draft Amendment to the Historic Preservation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1984, the Council Planning, Housing and Development Committee reviewed the Final Draft Amendment to the Historic Preservation Master Plan and the issues raised at the public hearing with the Montgomery County Flanning Board, staff and affected parties; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Council reviewed the recommendations of the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee at a worksession held on June 11, 1984.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council, sitting as a District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District within Montgomery County, that -

The Historic Preservation Master Plan is hereby amended by the inclusion of the following sites and/or resources:

- Dickerson Station
- 2. Brewer Farm
- 3. Bussard Farm

- 4. Pleasant View Church #2
- 5. Pleasant Hills
- 6. Glen Store and Post Office
- 7. Locust Grove I (Magruder House)
- 8. Ellerslie
- 9. Hayes Manor
- 10. Woodend

RE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following sites and/or resources are hereby removed from the <u>Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County</u>, Maryland as not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code:

- 1. Darby/Offutt Farm
- 2. Frank Higgens (Hoskinson) House
- 3. Rudolph Beall House
- 4. Nathanial Clagett
- 5. Jones House
- 6. Travilah Baptist Church
- 7. Greenbury Jackson House
- 8. Samuel Ford House
- 9. Granger Estate (Holton Arms School)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the decision regarding the proposed deletion of the Samuel Higgens House and Rammed-Farth House (Oakmont) from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland, is hereby deferred for further review and consideration by the Council.

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

Kathleen A. Freedman, Acting Secretary

of the County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland

APPENDIX

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on The Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Although removed from the Locational Atlas, these sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's State Inventory.

	Site No. 24/3	Name Darby/Offutt Farm	Planning Board Hearing Date 7/12/83	Map Page <u>Number</u> II
	24/9	Frank Higgens (Hoskinson) House	7/12/83	17
	24/11	Rudolph Beall House	7/12/83	17
	24/31	Nathanial Clagett	7/12/83	18
	25/7	Jones House	7/12/83	19
	25/10-2	Travilah Baptist Church*	7/12/83	20
	29/14	Greenbury Jackson House	7/12/83	21
	29/24	Samuel Ford House	7/12/83	22
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

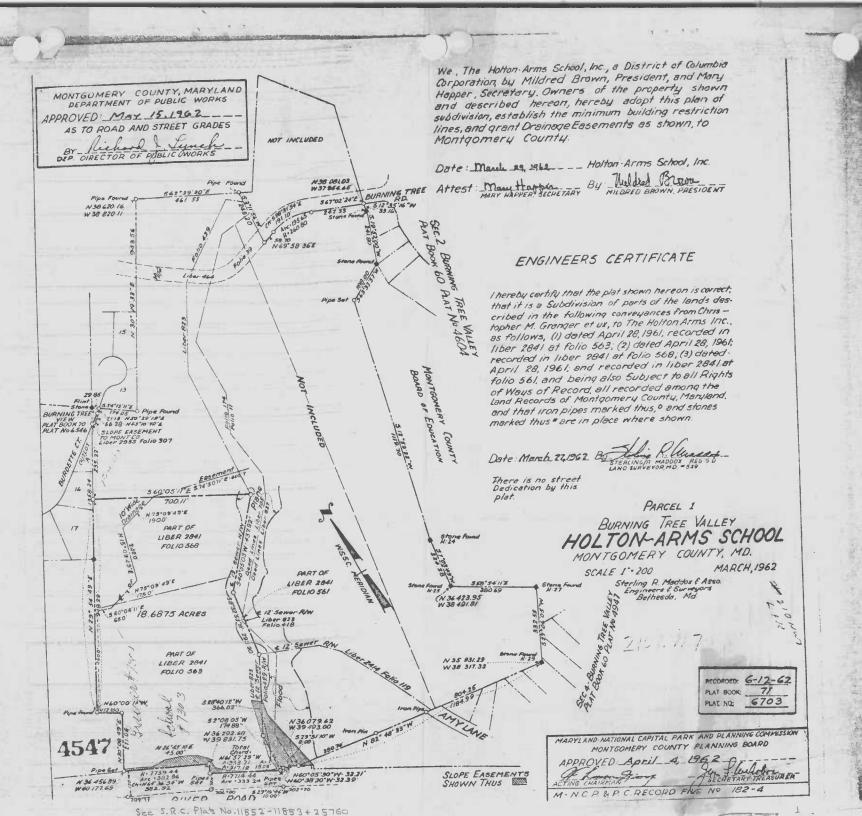
See correspondence dated January 28, 1983

ACTION TAKEN

Notice of Public Hearing. . .several resources being considered for inclusion in the Master Plan

- 1. Dickerson Station. M: 12/21-1
- 2. Bussard Farm. M: 22/7

- 5. Rammed-Earth House (Oakmont) M: 35/22
- 6. Reading House. M: 35/24
- * 7. Granger Estate. M: 35/17
- *The Historic PRESERVATION Commission found this resource not to meet Ordinance criteria for placement and have recommended its removal from the <u>Locational Atlas</u>.



Attachment Sheet I Map Granger Estate

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